

IPAS FY 2016 Proposed Goals & Priorities

Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services (IPAS) provides many types of legally-based services to individuals with disabilities across several areas. IPAS is developing its goals for the upcoming year. We depend on you to tell us what disability issues are most important to you.

Please submit your comments no later than Friday, July 31, 2015.

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In addition, there is an opportunity for public comment where you can come and give us your feedback in person. The meeting is on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 9:30 am at the IPAS offices located at 4701 N. Keystone Ave., Suite 222, Indianapolis, IN 46205. You can also call us at any time to provide comments over the phone. Please call 317-722-5555 or 1-800-622-4845.

If you have any other questions or comments at this time, please feel free to contact us at: 317-722-5555.

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GOAL 1: PREVENTING, FINDING, AND STOPPING ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS:

1. Investigate and eliminate staff abuse in facilities or by a service provider.
2. Reduce and eliminate staff and medical neglect in facilities or by a service provider.
3. Stop the inappropriate use of restraint and seclusion in facilities or by a service provider.
4. Identify and stop the financial exploitation of individuals with disabilities.

[NOTE: Facilities include residential and treatment facilities, schools, prisons, juvenile facilities, and treatment providers.]

TOOLS & STRATEGIES:

Individual Advocacy

- Information & Referral
- Investigation
- Monitoring

Systemic Advocacy

- Collaboration with partners
- Policy recommendations
- Public reports
- Class action

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GOAL 2: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND ENSURING SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO ENSURE EQUALITY AND INCLUSION IN SOCIETY.

PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS:

1. Address rights issues in regards to ***accessibility*** including, but not limited to: physical access, web and technology access, transportation, voting, and conditional rights.
2. Support integrated, community-based, and competitive ***employment*** of persons with disabilities.
3. Ensure access to a free appropriate public ***education*** in both a safe and least restrictive environment.
4. Encourage ***community integration*** of persons with disabilities into inclusive, livable, supportive communities.
5. Ensure persons with disabilities, from youth through adulthood, are treated appropriately in ***justice*** settings.

TOOLS & STRATEGIES:

Individual Advocacy

- Information & Referral
- Investigation
- Monitoring
- Representation/Litigation

Systemic Advocacy

- Accessible resources
- Trainings
- Collaboration with partners/stakeholders
- Policy recommendations
- Public report
- Class action
- Projects

Accessibility – includes development of activities in the areas of physical access (ADA Titles II & III), website and technology, transportation, voting and conditional rights.

Employment – includes development of activities in the areas of employment discrimination (Title I), Vocational Rehabilitation Services (CAP), assisting beneficiaries of Social Security with work-related issues (PABSS), and sheltered workshops.

Education – includes development of activities in the areas special education, school resource officers and bullying.

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Community Integration – includes development of activities in the areas of *Olmstead*, Inclusive communities, Fair Housing Act, Transition/Discharge (from institutions to the community), Medicaid waiver denials or changes, Guardianship/Supported Decision Making, Benefits, and Assistive Technology (PAAT).

Justice – includes development of activities in the areas of Access to the Courts, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, Pathways to Justice, School to Prison Pipeline, and Incompetency to Stand Trial

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GOAL 3: EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BY SERVING AS A PARTNER IN RIGHTS ISSUES, PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR SELF-ADVOCACY AND BY BRINGING AWARENESS TO SOCIETY TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION.

PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS:

1. Promote and grow the self-advocacy movement in Indiana.
2. Develop and disseminate accessible publications and electronic resources.
3. Create and implement a communication plan to bring awareness of IPAS.
4. Build and foster relationships with community partners.
5. Develop strategies for involvement in policy-making activities.

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